

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 658 – HB 684

March 15, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the penalty for the offense of unlawful use of a portable electronic device while driving to a Class B misdemeanor if the violation results in an accident causing serious bodily injury and to a Class A misdemeanor if the accident results in death.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Safety, currently, if a person causes serious bodily injury related from texting while driving, the violator would likely be charged with reckless endangerment, a Class A misdemeanor, in Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-13-103, and a person causing a death would likely be charged with aggravated assault, a Class A misdemeanor, in Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-13-102.
- It is reasonably estimated that persons committing the applicable offenses under current law would be charged with the proposed higher misdemeanor offenses.
- It is estimated that the provisions of the bill will not impact state or local government fine revenue or incarceration costs.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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